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Artist Daniel Brereton envisioned an unmasked Boba Fett on a *Star Wars Galaxy* trading card.

didn't end with *Empire*. For *Return of the Jedi*, designers created some new armor pieces for him, showing that Fett was resourceful when it came to weaponry. The main difference in the *Jedi* costume is in the wrist gauntlets, which had been changed from dull green to red and orange, and which were shaped differently to accommodate the fibercord/whip grappling device that Fett used against Luke Skywalker on the skiff.

BOBA FETT UNMASKED

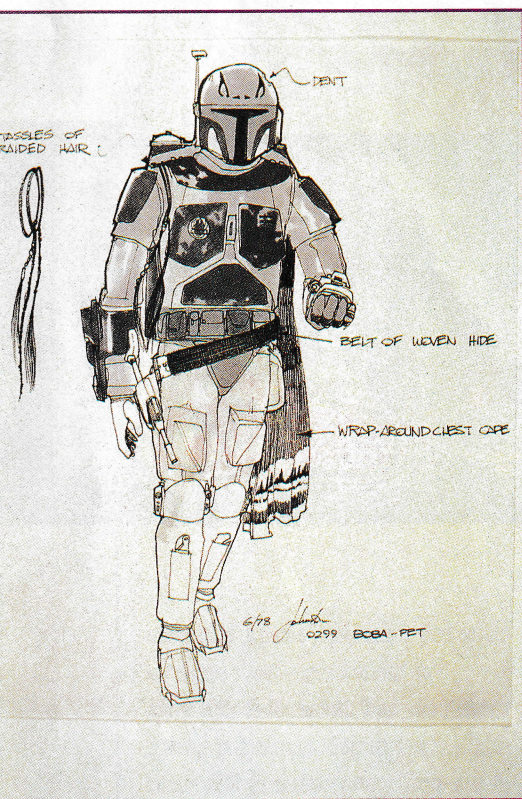
Want to know what Boba Fett really looks like under his helmet? Check out the scenes in *The Empire Strikes Back* when Leia and Chewbacca are being taken through Cloud City by an Imperial officer and a squad of stormtroopers.

The Imperial officer is played by Jeremy Bulloch, who is the man inside Fett's armor! Through the magic of editing, and filming on different days, Bulloch is in scenes as Boba Fett during the same section of the film.

A vision of what the character, not the actor, might look like was provided by comic book artist Daniel Brereton in Series 2 of Topps' *Star Wars Galaxy* trading card set. Pictured in an imaginary enemy encounter, with fellow bounty hunter Bossk at his side, Fett is shown with his helmet off, revealing the face of a savage warrior.

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This pre-production sketch of Boba Fett, by Joe Johnston, included many of the details used for the actual character.



MULTIPLE ACTORS

Just as fans have never found out who or what is underneath the helmet of Boba Fett, they've also never always seen the same actor playing the role on film! Here is a list of the various actors who have portrayed Boba Fett, and where:

- *"Star Wars Holiday Special"* (CBS, November 17, 1978)

No voice actor listed. Boba Fett's first appearance is in an animated segment.

- *The Empire Strikes Back* (May 21, 1980)

Boba Fett is portrayed by Jeremy Bulloch. Fett's voice is dubbed by Gabriel Dell, one of the original Dead End Kids/Bowery Boys from over 50 films shot between 1937 and 1958. John Fass Morton, better known as Hoth Rebel pilot Dack, portrayed Fett on two days of filming, for the scene in which Fett confronts Vader in the Bespin hallway, as Lando looks on.

- *The Empire Strikes Back* (NPR radio show, 1983)

Voice-over by Alan Rosenburg. Fett appeared in Episodes #7-9.

- *Return of the Jedi* (May 25, 1983)

Fett is portrayed by Jeremy Bulloch. Fett's only dialogue is a "Wilhelm" scream used by sound designer Ben Burt in most of his productions.

- *Droids* cartoon series #4 (Nelvana, Fall 1985)

Voice-over by George Buza. Fett makes his second animated appearance in "A Race to the Finish" (Episode #4).

- *Return of the Jedi* (NPR radio show, 1996)

Voice-over by Ed Begley Jr. Fett appeared in Episode #2.

- *Dark Empire* (Warner Audio, 1995)

Voice-over by Joe Hacker (who also voiced Han Solo). Live-action audio drama includes Fett appearances from *Dark Empire I* and *II*.

- *Star Wars: A New Hope Special Edition* (January 31, 1997)

Fett portrayed by Mark Austin, a former CGI animator at ILM.

- *The Empire Strikes Back Special Edition* (February 21, 1997)

Fett portrayed by Bulloch, from existing footage.

- *Return of the Jedi Special Edition* (March 14, 1997)

Boba Fett portrayed by ex-Lucasfilm archivist, current model maker Don Bies (who also played the Bith band member in "Jedi Rocks") in the scene where he talks to Jabba's dancers. An insert shot of Fett walking behind Jabba during the dance number was played by Nelson Hall, assistant manager of the model shop at ILM (he also played the Rodian in "Jedi Rocks").